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1. The 14th Macedonian Infantry Regiment Podelenie #1805 is located in Blagoevgrad. The barracks are in the middle of the town. The regimental commander was Colonel Brambzhiev. [redacted] He has been transferred to the headquarters of the First Infantry Regiment in Sofia. He was specializing during 1952 / probably in the USSR / and is now the Regimental Commander.

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6. The regiment consists of two infantry battalions each of which is strengthened by a heavy machine gun company, one mortar platoon, one armored platoon. The

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The battalion consists of two shock companies, one heavy machine gun company, one mortar platoon, and one antitank platoon.

7. The First Shock Company of the First Battalion is headed by Lt. Fruski.

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The company consists of three shock platoons. The staff sergeant (feltibel) of the company is Lunkay. Each platoon consists of one officer, one non-commissioned officer, three candidate non-commissioned officers, who are section commanders. The platoon consists of three sections - 24 men. The platoon has three light Bren machine guns, four German submachine guns, and 24 Mannlicher rifles / apparently the platoon consists of 24 men. Each platoon has 24 offensive and 24 defensive hand grenades, which are given to the troops in case of emergency. At all other times the hand grenades are kept in storage.

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9. The First Heavy Machine Gun Company is headed by Lt. Kiranczy.

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organization of the company is similar to that of the shock companies. Each heavy machinegun platoon has two heavy Schwartz Lose heavy machine guns, three light Bren machine guns, seven German submachine guns, and 24 Mannlicher rifles. Each heavy machine gun platoon has two carts for the transportation of the heavy machine guns which are animal drawn. The mortar platoon of the battalion is headed by Second Lt. Moravski.

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The platoon consists of one officer, two non-commissioned officers and three candidate non-commissioned officers, as well as 24 troops. The platoon has four light mortars of the Reinnbtl type, 11 German submachine guns, and 24 carbines. Each platoon has 24 offensive and defensive hand grenades which are given to the troops in case of emergency. The mortar battery was created in the regiment during 1952 or in the beginning of 1953. This battery has heavy 125-mm mortars. This applies to the third platoon of the battery. Second Lt. Moravski has been designated as a commander of the artillery battalion of the regiment (artillery battalion - mountain battery). This artillery battalion is equipped with guns of heavy caliber. The mountain battery became an antitank battery armed with V-22 7.5 cm ZIS guns.

10. The antitank platoon in the battalion - Lt. Strakhil Karamanov is the commander of the platoon.

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platoon consists of one officer, two non-commissioned officers, as well as 32 troops. The platoon is equipped with three antitank guns, three antitank Solotur, 16-18 mm rifles, and six submachine guns and 32 carbines. The platoon has three horses to haul the guns.

11. The Second Infantry Battalion of the 14th Infantry Macedonian Regiment - Major Simeonov is the commander. [redacted] Prior to him the commander of the battalion was Captain Simeonov, [redacted]

[redacted] The battalion consists of two shock companies, one heavy machine gun company, one mortar platoon (this platoon and the platoon of the First Battalion were merged into the mortar battery with an additional heavy mortar platoon) and one antitank platoon. [redacted]

[redacted] The fourth / third / shock company is similarly organized as the shock companies of the First Battalion of the regiment. The company consists of three shock platoons and its arms are similar to the first and second shock companies.

12. The heavy machine gun company is similarly equipped as the first heavy machine gun company. The second mortar platoon is similarly equipped as the first mortar platoon. The second antitank platoon is similarly equipped as the first antitank platoon.

13. The signal company of the 14th Infantry Macedonian Regiment is headed by Lt. Mikley, [redacted]

[redacted] The company includes two telephone platoons and one telegraph platoon. Each platoon is headed by one non-commissioned officer and has three candidate non-commissioned officers as section commanders. There are 24 troops in each platoon. Each telephone platoon has ten telephone apparatus of the Dora type. It has eight submachine guns and 24 carbines. The Telegraph platoon has a radio station for transmitting and receiving messages. The weapons of this platoon were changed completely during 1952. During schooling or maneuvers, one telephone platoon is assigned to the staff of the regiment in order to establish liaison with the battalions and companies. The second telephone platoon is assigned to the First and Second Battalions in order to maintain liaison. The telegraph platoon is divided into a first section which is assigned to the staff of the regiment; a second section assigned to the First Battalion; and a third section assigned to the Second Battalion.

14. The mountain battery which is assigned to the regiment (now an artillery battalion). The regiment has a mountain battery (an artillery battalion) headed by Captain Korasski [redacted]

[redacted] The battery of the battalion consists of one gun platoon and one horse platoon (cavalry platoon) and one telephone platoon.

15. The artillery battalions are supplied with special guns and are motorized. Soviet guns of the D-22 7.50 cm ZIS guns are used. The troops are armed with Vintovka rifles and with Soviet Shpagin submachine guns as well as Sudaev machine guns. The entire regiment began to be armed with these Soviet arms during 1952. The weapons are completely new and are supplied by the USSR. The Bren light machine guns were replaced by the Dikterov light machine guns of Soviet make and the heavy machine guns were replaced by Soviet Maksim Sokolov light machine guns / probably heavy machine guns /. The First Gun Platoon of the mountain battery is headed by Second Lt. Stefan Spirov, [redacted] The sergeant or non-commissioned officer of the platoon is Todor Pavlov, [redacted]

[redacted] The platoon consists of one officer, one non-commissioned officer, three candidate non-commissioned officers and 33 troops. The platoon is armed with two Dikterov light machine guns four submachine guns for each gun commander, and 28 carbines as well as 60 hand grenades.

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16. The second cavalry platoon is headed by Master Sergeant (Staff Sergeant) Kodzheykov. Kodzheykov is staff sergeant of the battery as well as commander of the cavalry platoon. The platoon consists of one officer / sic /, one non-commissioned officer, three candidate non-commissioned officers as section commanders and 33 troops. The platoon has three submachine guns for the section commanders, 28 carbines for the troops and two pistols for the platoon commander and the platoon non-commissioned officer. The third telephone

platoon is headed by non-commissioned officer Purvany. The platoon consists of three sections. It is equipped with submachine guns, pistols, and carbines.

17. The weapons of the battery consist of four guns, which are all assigned to the first gun platoon, six light machine guns, 28 submachine guns, and 95 carbines. The battery has 80 horses, 8 carts, 38 pack-saddles for gun racks, 42 pack-saddles for guns, and 60 saddles. The telephone platoon establishes liaison, in the direction, as well as commands the battery. Shells are given out to the battery only during firing practice. They have to be picked up directly by the commander. Unused shells must be returned the same day to the storehouse under the supervision of the munitions officer. The supply company of the regiment is headed by Lt Georgiev.

The company has 60-70 horses, eight pairs of oxen, and about 180 carts.

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